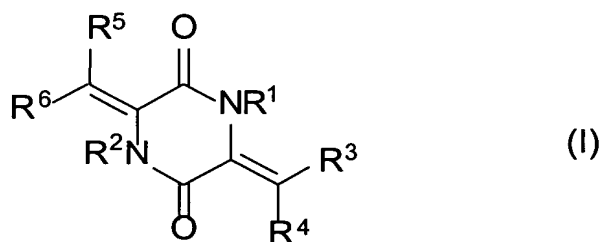


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of protecting skin or hair against solar rays, comprising, applying a composition comprising a diketopiperazine ~~The use of diketopiperazines of the formula I, to the skin or hair,~~



where and wherein

R¹ and R² may, in each case, independently of one another, be identical or different, and are hydrogen or C₁-C₁₂-alkyl, and

R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, may in each case, independently of one another, be identical or different, and are hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂-alkyl or an aryl radical,

with the proviso that at least one radical should be aryl, and

wherein the composition optionally comprises one or more additional

~~as photostable UV filters in cosmetic and pharmaceutical preparations for protecting the human skin or human hair against solar rays, alone or together with compounds,~~ which absorb in the UV region, known for cosmetic and pharmaceutical preparations.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A ~~The use of compounds of the formula I as claimed in claim 1 as photostable UV-A filter, filters comprising the compound of formula I.~~

Claim 10 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the aryl radical is a member selected from the group consisting of benzyl, phenyl and naphthyl, and wherein said benzyl, phenyl or naphthyl, each may optionally be substituted with one or more radicals.

Claim 11 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the aryl radical is an optionally substituted phenyl, methoxyphenyl, cyanophenyl or naphthyl radical.

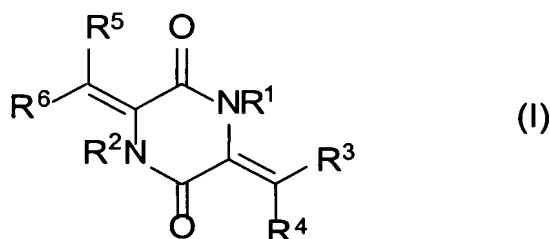
Claim 12 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the C₁-C₁₂-alkyl radical is a branched alkyl chain or unbranched alkyl chain.

Claim 13 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the C₁-C₁₂-alkyl radical is a member selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, 1-methylethyl, n-butyl, 1-methylpropyl-, 2-methylpropyl, 1,1-dimethylethyl, n-pentyl, 1-methylbutyl, 2-methylbutyl, 3-methylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-ethylpropyl, n-hexyl, 1,1-dimethylpropyl, 1,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-methylpentyl, 2-methylpentyl, 3-methylpentyl, 4-methylpentyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 1,2-dimethylbutyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 2,3-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 1-ethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl, 1,1,2-trimethylpropyl, 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl, 1-ethyl-1-methylpropyl, 1-ethyl-2-methylpropyl, n-heptyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, n-nonyl, n-decyl, n-undecyl and n-dodecyl.

Claim 14 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the aryl radical is an aromatic ring or ring system, having 6 to 18 carbon atoms in the ring system.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of stabilizing a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation, comprising, contacting the photostable UV-A filter, The use of compounds of the formula I as claimed in claim 2, with one or more additives suitable for cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulations one of claims 1 or 2 as UV stabilizer in cosmetic and pharmaceutical formulations.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A composition, comprising an cosmetic or pharmaceutical preparation comprising light protection agents for protecting the human epidermis or human hair against UV light in a range from 280 to 400 nm, which comprises, in a cosmetically or pharmaceutically suitable carrier, alone or together with compounds which absorb in the UV region known for cosmetic and pharmaceutical preparations, as photostable UV filters, effective amount amounts of a compound compounds of the formula I, and at least one additive, and



wherein in which the variables have the meanings defined as in claim 1
R¹ and R² may, in each case, independently of one another, be identical or different,
and are hydrogen or C₁-C₁₂-alkyl, and
R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ may, in each case, independently of one another, be identical or
different, and are hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂-alkyl or an aryl radical,
with the proviso that at least one radical should be aryl, and
wherein the composition optionally comprises one or more additional

compounds, which absorb in the UV region, known for cosmetic and pharmaceutical preparations.

Claim 5 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the at least one additive comprises a cosmetically or pharmaceutically suitable carrier.

Claim 6 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein protection is provided against UV light in a range from 280 to 400 nm.

Claim 7 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the C₁-C₁₂-alkyl radical is a branched alkyl chain or unbranched alkyl chain.

Claim 8 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the C₁-C₁₂-alkyl radical is a member selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, 1-methylethyl, n-butyl, 1-methylpropyl-, 2-methylpropyl, 1,1-dimethylethyl, n-pentyl, 1-methylbutyl, 2-methylbutyl, 3-methylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-ethylpropyl, n-hexyl, 1,1-dimethylpropyl, 1,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-methylpentyl, 2-methylpentyl, 3-methylpentyl, 4-methylpentyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 1,2-dimethylbutyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 2,3-dimethylbutyl, 3,3-dimethylbutyl, 1-ethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl, 1,1,2-trimethylpropyl, 1,2,2-trimethylpropyl, 1-ethyl-1-methylpropyl, 1-ethyl-2-methylpropyl, n-heptyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, n-nonyl, n-decyl, n-undecyl and n-dodecyl.

Claim 9 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the aryl radical is an aromatic ring or ring system, having 6 to 18 carbon atoms in the ring system.

Claim 15 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the aryl radical is a member selected from the group consisting of benzyl, phenyl and naphthyl, and wherein said benzyl, phenyl or naphthyl, each may optionally be substituted with one or more radicals.

Claim 16 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the aryl radical is an optionally substituted phenyl, methoxyphenyl, cyanophenyl or naphthyl radical.